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SUBJECT: Rumanian Intelligence Operations.
(Report from Dr. Hans KUALES, Strobl)

1. Dr. KUALES has in the past on several occasions been supported by MARGARIT. KUALES is further anxious to return to Rumania after its liberation - for which reason he tries to remain on good terms with MARGARIT. He therefore keeps MARGARIT informed on current development, and also asks for his advice 'on how he should behave'.

2. KUALES could become an employe with the inofficial West German Foreign Service, for which reason he now has been in Bonn. Reports on such development will follow. He also is in contact with two men in Munich - Herbert SCHNEIDER and Karl KRAMER (phonetical) - who in turn work for KOSNADI of the LEVI, Staraberg, group. SCHNEIDER is also connected with the GHELEN organisation in Munich, which fact is proven (apparently) by the fact that he saw with SCHNEIDER the first copy of a late Rumanian press report submitted by TONTSON, Volkmar (named in report dated 20 October 1949, para 2, 14) thru AUMER - HALLER (DOHNE) to the GHELEN organisation. SCHNEIDER informed KUALES that the press work as far done by the AUMER group would as of 31 March 1950 be entrusted to his group, and that he would like to have KUALES do this work. He further informed that he held the contact to former General George GHEORGHE (last ASTOIESCU ambassador to Berlin - arrested by this party in May 1945 in Tyrol and passed on thru channels to Frankfurt) and his group in Bavaria. A project covering this operational work had been approved but the results were extremely poor, and had little chance for improvement. SCHNEIDER also holds a connection to a French Counter Intelligence group directed from Paris and working in Munich. This group was trying to form a social club which should be used as cover or operation center in Munich. SCHNEIDER asked KUALES to officially take care of this connection in case KUALES would join such group. Apparently the French group is also connected with GHEORGHE, who is also considered to be connected with the GHELEN group.

3. Dr. KUALES on his return from his trip to Germany on 24 Feb. 1950 wrote out the following report to MARGARIT:

'The GHELEN operation (OWN Munich) apparently is to replace at least a part of the HALLER (DOHNE) group

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(Salzburg) by new connections, in connection herewith the ORIGIN organization has placed a definite order (for work on the part) by the HALLER group) with Herbert SCHNITZER (concerning Romania).

Herbert SCHNITZER so far had not been employed by ORIGIN, when this order was placed with him reference was made to former connections.

LIVY, an American, previously working independently, supervises unknown, runs the KOMADI group which is engaged in supplying direct information from all Eastern countries, especially military intelligence. KOMADI is endeavoring to establish direct connections against the East and received one subject from SCHNITZER on Romania which is presently operating.

KOMADI offered Dr. KUHNS' extra SCHNITZER collaboration concerning intelligence against Hungary.

At the same time KUHNS also received an offer from Karl KAHNER (phonetic) from KOMADI for direct connections into Romania.

KUHNS is an old acquaintance of KOMADI (apparently work has been with the German Foreign office?) and is presumed not to be engaged in direct intelligence at the moment. KUHNS also is an old acquaintance of SCHNITZER. KOMADI supposedly is not only independent from the ORIGIN organization, but is also opposed to such.

The Romanian exile circle of George GHEORGHE (Romanian) has established the contact of SCHNITZER with the French General Intelligence circle operating in Munich. This French group is presently extending in Munich and accepted a proposal made by SCHNITZER, SCHNITZER proposed KOMADI as technical chief for such French operation which is due to mature in the near future.

KUHNS is closely infatuated with SCHNITZER and with his assistance shortly shall be brought in contact with the ORIGIN group and the above French circle. The intermediary KUHNS informed SCHNITZER that SCHNITZER is ready for a discussion and expects proposals for Romania. The ORIGIN group forming a part of the SCHNITZER group is split up in sections with 1 to 4 collaborators; none of such sections are known to KUHNS. Section 1 of the ORIGIN circle (directed by Dr. Georg KUHNS) has also direct lines connecting with British and French intelligence.